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To: HarborComments
Subject: Harbor Comments

Dear EPA,

As the president of the Lower Columbia Canoe Club in Portland, I represent nearly 200 households in Oregon and Southwestern Washington that paddle the Willamette River regularly. We have reviewed your draft cleanup plan for the Portland Harbor Superfund site and have the following comments:

We support the Draft's cleanup option "G" with amendments, namely that the goal of the cleanup must be to end the Fish Consumption Advisory for all individuals, including breast-feeding women, related to pollutants found in the Portland Harbor. The EPA must provide a date by which the advisory will be lifted.

In our opinion, the EPA's plan removes far too little contaminated sediment from the river. We recommend that at least 1000 acres of polluted sediment be removed.

We also feel that the EPA's plan prescribes far too much "Monitored Natural Recovery." This proposal leaves polluted material in the river, and monitors it over time, doing too little to help the river now.

We want those who have liability for the PCBs, PAH, DDT and other toxic and persistent pollutants in the river sediments to meet their community obligation to do the right thing and conduct a comprehensive and timely cleanup. We feel the current plan fails to hold them responsible enough for what they have done and fails to provide for a truly effective restoration of our city's river.

The Willamette is an important river to everyone one in Oregon. For years, we haven't treated it as such. Now is the time to step up and make the river the safe, clean water resource it should be for a city of our size and our pride. Please do the right thing and improve the plan now.

Best regards,

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